**Director’s Report for January 3, 2022**

**Programs**

Our Adult Volleyball program has continued to have low, but steady participation week in and week out. Due to a break over the holidays and two nights off while Sue is helping with the ski program, this program will be taking three weeks off. The program will start back up on January 18th. Our Annual Santa Land Program that we co-sponsor with the Gilford Youth Center went very well. Numbers were down from a typical Friday night, but overall the event went very well, and we were very pleased with the outcome. Youth Basketball has started off pretty well with our first two weekends of games in the books. We’ll take two weeks off over the holidays and games will pick back up on January 8th. Our Rec season will continue through the first weekend of February. We continue to have a very strong attendance in our Senior Moment-um Programs. Our Annual Senior Moment-um Holiday Luncheon was once again a great success, and we were happy to have some Mrs. Sanborn from the GHS along with a few GHS Alumni fill in to sing Holiday Carols, as the GES Chorus had to cancel last minute. We also collaborated with the Gilford Library to run a Senior Holiday Sing Along, which went very well. We held our second annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest that we co-sponsored with the Gilford District PTA. This program went well again with a number of entries in various categories along with a great response of community participation in the voting portion. The numbers for the programs we’ve run the past month are as follows:

* Adult Volleyball – 11-16 Participants each week
* Santa Land Program – Over 150 Children through the event over the two days
* Senior Pizza and Game Day – 20 Participants
* Youth Basketball Program – 88 Participants
* Senior Moment-um Holiday Luncheon – 60 Participants
* Senior Holiday Carols Program (w/Library) – 13 Participants
* Holiday Home Decoration Contest – 15 Home Submissions
* Holiday Home Decorating Voting – 166 Participating Voters

Planning and registration is underway for a number of upcoming winter programs. Our Gunstock Learn to Ski and Snowboard Program is scheduled to begin on January 4th. The Lesson portion of our program is full with 70 participants and we have an additional 27 registered for the Pass Only option. Registration is still open for our Cross Country Ski Lessons offered at Bolduc Park, which begins in January. We are working with Skating Instructor, Jennifer Tondreau to offer Ice Skating Lessons in January. We still have lots of tickets left for our Celtics Bus Trip, which we are co-sponsoring with the Moultonborough Recreation Department in March. Boston has recently changed some of their COVID restrictions, so we’re still evaluating how that may impact this trip. Sue has a number upcoming programs planned for the seniors including two during the Month of January. She will also be starting our weekly Senior Walking program in early January. Planning is underway for Adult Curling, which will likely start in mid-late January, dependent ice conditions. We will also look to start scheduling Adult Snowshoe Hikes for mid-January, contingent upon snow conditions. Here is a list of planned programs for January and the dates they will run:

* Gunstock Ski and Snowboard Program runs Tuesday evenings January 4th – 25th
* Senior Walking runs every Wednesday morning beginner January 5th
* Bolduc Park Cross Country Ski Lessons begin on January 8th
* Senior Moment-um Bagel Brunch and Bingo Day on January 10th
* Ice Skating Lessons run on Monday mornings for 4 weeks starting January 10th
* Adult Pick-up Volleyball runs every Tuesday (starting back up on January 18th)
* Senior Moment-um Dessert and GMS Show on January 26th
* Adult Curling will run on Thursday evenings once conditions allow
* Adult Snowshoeing will run on Tuesday mornings once conditions allow
* Youth Basketball Rec Season runs through February 5th

**Facilities**

The new roof has been put on the Bandstand at the Village Field. The replacement of the floorboards is currently on hold until there is better weather to complete this portion of the project.

Mild weather through mid-December slowed the process of building ice at the Arthur A. Tilton Gilford Ice Rink. However, our we started to build ice on December 18th and hope to be open before the New Year.

Sincerely,

Herb Greene, Gilford Parks and Recreation Director